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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Two thousand five hundred and nineteen;

(*b*) Rs. 46.3 lakhs; and

(*c*) Forty-seven.

(அ) 2519.

(இ) ரூ. 46.3 லட்சம்.

(உ) 47.

Distribution of Indica Japan seeds in North Arcot

* 407 *Q.*—SRI S. J. RAMASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the India Japan seeds were distributed to the agriculturists in North Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity distributed in Arakonam taluk?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(அ) இல்லை.

(இ) இக் கேள்விக்கு இடமில்லை.

Chief Ministers' deliberations on distribution of rice

* 408 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of the decisions taken at the Conference of Chief Ministers held recently regarding supply and distribution of rice; and

(*b*) how far the decisions would be implemented in this State.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) Honourable Members will recall that at the time the Chief Ministers met in New Delhi in the third week of November 1964 there were acute scarcity conditions prevailing in the matter of supply of rice; and, the wheat position was also not satisfactory.

The Conference therefore confined its attention principally to the immediate crisis and at the same time making preparations for the future.

Against this background, the main conclusions and recommendations of the Chief Ministers Conference were that in respect of rice each State will be treated for the time being as a zone in the Southern Rice region, the Northern Rice zone of the Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi being left undisturbed. For building up a buffer stock of rice for supply to deficit States, the States were given certain agreed quotas for procurement; Statutory rationing was to be introduced in Calcutta (it has since been introduced) and as regards other cities with a population of one million and over